

February 2, 2012 second TREA building meeting from 2012

In attendance: Michael Boge (chairman), Dave Steinhauer, George Griego, Edward Aubrey, Larry Anderson (Club Manager), Pauline Watkins (Auxiliary representative)

Absent with good cause: Bill Norris, Bill De Boer

Discussed the goals and plans for 2012 with full committee

1. Carpet Cleaning for Main Ballroom, Offices, Lounge, and Auxiliary:
 - A. This discussion was tabled due to other items on the table that were considered more important to the building
 - B. Current bid on the table for carpet cleaning is \$785.00

2. Raising handicap parking signs to the state code height of 7': Club Manager said that his maintenance group would take care of this gradually

3. A sound-proof wall to be built on the club side next to the folding wall.
 - A. Currently logistics and design-work is being done for feasibility of this project.
 - B. Considering decorating this wall (after built) with small mosaics or pictures to represent the five service branches
 - C. The plan for this wall is to help sound-proof the space between bingo and when bands perform in the club. The wall would be placed so that the curtain can cover it during civilian functions (wedding receptions, birthday parties and such)

4. Atrium and Patio:
 - A. Club Manager stated that the use of the atrium at the south end of the lounge is under utilized.
 - B. Discussions included adding an external door and patio with a barbecue for club rental or club functions. Further discussions will be held on this over the next couple of months

5. The enclosure area at the north end of the bingo game room:
 - A. Club Manager has not taken any action on this due to no requirement for more tables in the bingo game room.
 - B. Discussions included maintaining no action, keeping the enclosure and adding doors for an additional area if necessary (examples are child care area or additional meeting room)

6. Changing out ceiling tiles: Club Manager said his maintenance team would change out the ceiling tiles so that all tiles are clean and fresh

7. New Colors and Color schemes for ballroom
 - A. With the fresh paint in the Patriots Grille, the color scheme in the main ballroom has an antiquated look. Ladies Auxiliary will provide several color schemes for the walls, wood paneling, and curtain at the north end of the ballroom.
 - B. Building Committee will vote on the recommended color schemes at next meeting
 - C. Club Manager said he would solicit volunteers to help paint when the new color scheme is approved

8. New exterior signs for advertising and location recognition:

- A. Committee believed that current bingo sign was inadequate to point out TREA
- B. Research is being done toward the legality of more modern signs and new locations that are able to attract more attention to TREA, the bingo hall, and the Patriot's Grille
- C. Discussion is tabled until research can be completed on city and county laws

9. Energy Efficiency:

- A. Club Manager stated that utility rates are too high (estimated at around \$4000 per month)
- B. Committee agreed that lowering energy consumption and increasing energy efficiency was the #1 priority. The savings from energy could potentially be a boon of revenue for other projects both in and around the club
- C. Suggested ways to increase energy efficiency included window repairs on leaking windows, tinting the windows around the club, and an energy evaluation from an expert to point out further ways to save energy and utilities dollars. This is voted unanimously by the committee

10. Memorial Garden:

- A. A memorial garden of some type was discussed to go more central in the front of the building.
- B. Several ideas were discussed but the overall idea was tabled while we focus on energy efficiency and electrical repair/refurbishment

11. Electrical repair/refurbishment

- A. Committee is looking for either a member or a friend of a member to give the club an energy survey. Club Manager and Committee believe that an electrical survey may find ways to save money by finding shorts, electrical lines going to nowhere, and replacement of non-energy efficient lights and outlets.
- B. If an electrician can be found, will look for volunteers to assist in the work to save repair costs

Next Meeting is March 1, 2012

All are invited to attend and join the Building Committee